Online Voting Now Open

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) announced the start of online voting in the 2011 annual Congressional Art Competition, "An Artistic Discovery". This year, Rep. Braley's office is accepting submissions online and allowing constituents to vote for their favorite artwork. The winner of this year's competition will receive two roundtrip plane tickets to Washington, D.C. to attend a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Capitol.

"Each year, talented students from across lowa submit great artwork to the Congressional Art Competition," said Rep. Braley. "And this year, we're moving the competition into the 21st century. By allowing students to submit their artwork online, and allowing lowans to cast their vote on my website to help choose the winner, we're giving more students the opportunity to participate."

The Congressional Art Competition, initiated by Congress in 1982, is a nation-wide high school arts competition sponsored by the Members of the U.S. House of Representatives. One piece from each Congressional district will be displayed in the Cannon Tunnel of the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. for a year.

All artwork submitted to Rep. Braley's office is now displayed in an online gallery on the Congressman's website.

Online voting is open now until May 8th on the Congressman's website at: <a href="http://go.usa.gov/blum">http://go.usa.gov/blum</a>